

Over There *Marines*

Marines are deployed around the world, constantly training for any contingency. In Iraq and Afghanistan, there are Marines providing support for humanitarian efforts and there are Marines training in Korea, Philippines and many other places—over there.



Soto Cano, *Honduras*

Marines assigned to Small Craft Company based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., practice hand-to-hand maneuvers Nov. 14. More than 30 Marines from the company deployed to the Central American country during late May and are scheduled to return later this year. They are here aiding JTF-B's mission of supporting U.S. joint, combined and interagency operations.

USMC photo



Shoalwater Bay Training Area, *Australia*

Marines from 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment, make contact with enemy forces during exercise Crocodile 2003. Exercise Crocodile 2003 is the major training activity for the Australian Defence Force for the year, and involves more than 6,500 ADF personnel, as well as approximately 2,600 U.S. personnel.

Photo by Cpl. Ashley Roach



Camp Samuel Hill, *Australia*

Cpl. Robert P. Keefe, a reconnaissance operator from Deep Reconnaissance Platoon, Company B, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division, puts on cammy paint during a field exercise for Crocodile 2003. CROC '03 is an Australian-led, United States-supported air, land, maritime and amphibious operations exercise designed to refine and strengthen U.S./Australian capabilities to plan and execute future combined operations.

Photo by Cpl. Jason E. Miller





U.S. Embassy Kabul, **Afghanistan**

Maj. Douglas Bell, commander of Task Force Kabul, prepares to hand a piece of cake to retired Lt. Col. Edwin Miller, (middle) who at age 63 was the oldest Marine, during the Marine Corps Birthday cake cutting ceremony Nov. 10 in front of the embassy. Nineteen-year-old Lance Cpl. Kenneth A. Harrington Jr. (left), the youngest Marine present, waits to eat his cake.

Photo by Cpl. Nicholas Tremblay



Abu Al Aseem, **Iraq**

Sgt. Pedrano Royigel, from Salinas, Calif., a Marine with the 13th Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable) and Expeditionary Strike Group One, provides security in Abu Al Aseem while medical personnel deliver medicine and medical supplies to the local hospital, Oct. 21. ESG-1 is a flexible Naval force that can operate in shallow, narrow waterways or the open ocean, day and night, in all weather conditions in support of Marine or joint forces operating in near-shore regions or deep inland. Its essential elements are mobility, agility and lethality, giving a regional or combatant commander the flexibility to conduct operations across the spectrum of conflict in more dynamic environments.

Photo by Petty Officer 1st Class Ted Banks



Douala, **Cameroon**

Capt. Rich Harrington, 1st Lt. Keegan Welch and Lance Cpl. William Horton ride a Marine rigid raiding craft as it is lowered into the water under the watchful eyes of Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Garrett Cecilio and Chief Warrant Officer 3 Vincent Cantley. The Marines and sailors are deployed aboard the HSV 2 Swift for West African Training Cruise 04. During this portion of training, the Marines and crew from the Swift performed an at-sea rescue of a Cameroonian Naval Infantrymen who were aboard a simulated burning ship.

Photo by Maj. Tim Keefe



Ternate, **Philippines**

An Amphibious Assault Vehicle operator with Battalion Landing Team, 3rd Bn, 3rd Marine Regiment, Lima Co. makes a last check after the day's exercises at Philippine Marine Base, Ternate, Sept. 16, during the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit's Amphibious Ready Group Exercise 03-1.

Photo by Sgt. S. K. D'Alessio.

